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Applicant(s): Katsuyoshi FUJITA ct al.

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Examiner:

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## **CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

VIA FACSIMILE 703-872-9306 Examiner Leonard R. Leo Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached Response to Notice of Non-Compliant

Amendment; and this Certificate of Facsimile Transmittal; are being transmitted on the date shown below to the Examiner Leonard R. Leo, of Group No. 3753 at the following facsimile number: 1-703-872-9306.

Respectfully submitted,

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withdrew the Notice because the filing of the RCE resulted in the entry of the December 19, 2003 Amendment. Examiner Leo further stated that the subject application would be taken up in turn, shortly.

On January 31, 2005, the undersigned attorney of record called Examiner Leo to check on the status of the above-identified application. Examiner Leo reiterated that the subject application would be taken up in turn, shortly, "possibly next week." Examiner Leo also suggested the filing of this paper to confirm the earlier verbal withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Because the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was verbally withdrawn prior to November 19, 2004, Applicants submit that no fee is due with this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 5000-4853.

By:

Respectfully submitted, MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.

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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On October 19, 2004, the Patent Office issued a Notice of Non-Compliant

Amendment directed to the July 21, 2004 Amendment filed with the Applicants' Request for

Continued Examination ("RCE"). Specifically, the Patent Office contends that the July 21, 2004

Amendment is in non-compliance because it does not reflect the proposed Amendment filed on

December 19, 2003. The Notice contends that the amendments presented in the December 19,

2003 Amendment had to be shown in the July 21, 2004 Amendment because the December 19,

2003 Amendment had not been entered.

However, the December 19, 2003 Amendment was entered by virtue of the filing of the RCE; thereby rendering most the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Prior to the November 19, 2004 due date for responding to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the undersigned attorney of record left a message for Examiner Leo explaining the foregoing circumstances. By November 19, 2004, Examiner Leo returned the message and verbally

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